



August 6, 2023
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Gathering Hymn

Gather Us In

TFWS 2236

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Welcome

Prelude

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

***Call to Worship**

Dan Ensor

Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, you his servants;

praise the name of the LORD.

Let the name of the LORD be praised,

both now and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,

the name of the LORD is to be praised. Psalm 113:1-3

***Opening Prayer**

Dan Ensor

"Please bow your head as I offer the opening prayer."

God meets us in our greatest need and satisfies us with divine presence and provision. In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth. Amen

*** Hymn**

The Servant Song

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***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Dan Ensor

When Jesus left his disciples, he did not leave them alone. He promised that the Holy Spirit would be present in their lives, and he gave them an amazing gift: his peace, the peace of Christ. Through the Spirit, this gift lives still, and it is ours to share with others. Please turn to those around you and greet them with the peace of Christ by saying...

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Children's Time

Quinn Hetherington

Ministry of Music

Held

Damon Moore

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

Dan Ensor

All-knowing God, you have satisfied our hunger at sunset and held us close through nights of wrestling. Now let this hour of worship be filled with your blessings. Awaken and illumine us by your Word that we may behold your likeness. Amen

Old Testament

Micah 6:6-8

Dan Ensor

He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,^[b]
and to walk humbly with your God?

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and

wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii^[c] and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"And Who is My Neighbor?"

Damon Moore

Morning Prayer

Tom Gatewood

The Lord's Prayer

Tom Gatewood

Offertory Invitation

Dan Ensor

Because God cares for all without distinction and is generous to all beyond measure, so we, God's people, are to care for all with generosity and gladness. We bring our offerings to be used for God's good purposes in the church and in the world.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

**Doxology Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication*

Dan Ensor

Generous God, we thank you for your call and claim upon our lives. Because there is so much more we can do, we pray that our faith will increase; that our practice of generosity will be enlarged; and that our joy in believing will encourage others as we share the good news of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*** Closing Hymn**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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Benediction

Damon Moore

May the steadfast love and faithfulness of God surround you; the peace of Christ enfold you; and the Holy Spirit encourage you, now and forever. Amen

Choral Benediction

Sanctuary

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.*

With thanksgiving,

I'll be a living sanctuary for you. Repeat

Postlude

GATHER US IN

*Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to You in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken.
Gather us in, the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken.
We shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry.
We are the old who yearn for Your face.
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty.
Gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly.
Give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water.
Here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here You shall call Your sons and Your daughters;
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion.
Give us to eat the bread that is You.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven light years away,
Here in this place the new light is shining;
Now is the kingdom,
And now is the day.*

*Gather us in and hold us forever.
Gather us in and make us Your own.
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

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THE SERVANT SONG

*Brother, Sister, let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey.
We're together on this road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life,
Let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.*